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Senate Bill No. 213

Senate, March 22, 2012

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET ACCESS FOR REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-5a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 (a) Each town shall (1) provide the registrars of voters with office
4 space, supplies and equipment, including facilities for the safe storage
5 of the official records of such registrars of voters, and (2) ensure that
6 each registrar of voters may access the Internet and correspond with
7 the Secretary of the State using electronic mail.

8 [Such records] (b) The official records of the registrars of voters of a
9 town shall be accessible to all registrars of voters in such town and
10 [they] all of the registrars of voters shall be [jointly] responsible for
11 [their] the safekeeping of such records.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-5a
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires all municipalities to ensure that their Registrars of Voters have Internet access. Registrars of Voters in at least 11 towns do not have Internet access. Depending on the current IT resources of those municipalities, they may incur the costs associated with providing Internet service, and may incur an additional cost of purchasing a computer for their Registrars.

The Out Years

Costs associated with providing Internet service would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 213*****AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET ACCESS FOR REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires each town to ensure that its registrars of voters can access the Internet and correspond with the secretary of the state using e-mail. It also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/12/2012)